



STATE OF HAWAII
**CORRECTIONS POPULATION
MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 25, 2001 9:30 A.M.
Department of Public Safety

Present: Mr. Bryan Yee for Mr. Earl I. Anzai, Attorney General, Department of
The Attorney General
Mr. Dean Yamashiro for Mr. John Tonaki, Public Defender, State
of Hawaii
Mr. Ronald T. Hajime, Administrator, Adult Probation, First Circuit
Ms. June Lee for The Honorable Brian Kanno, Senator, Hawaii
Legislature
Ms. Serena Camara, T.J. Mahoney and Associates
Mr. Peter Gellatly, President, Network Media and OOPS (Out of
Prison Services)
Lt. Alan Anami for Lee Donahue, Chief of Police, Honolulu Police
Department

Staff: Ms. Martha Torney, Corrections Program Specialist, Department of
Public Safety
Mr. John Borders, Planning, Programming and Budgeting,
Department of Public Safety

Excused: The Honorable Nestor Garcia, Representative, Hawaii Legislature
Mr. Ted Sakai, Director, Department of Public Safety

Mr. Alfred K. Beaver, Sr., Chair, Hawaii Paroling Authority
The Honorable Richard K. Perkins, Judge, First Circuit Court
The Honorable Peter B. Carlisle, Prosecuting Attorney, City and
County of Honolulu

1. **Opening of the Meeting:** Meeting was brought to order by Mr. Ted Sakai.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved and seconded.
3. **Director's Report on the Prison Population:** Mr. Sakai said that the population remains high. On September 24, 2001, there were 5130 inmates in custody, as compared to 4798 on January 1, 2001, and 5134 on August 27, 2001.

Mr. Sakai provided information about the status of the corrections and law enforcement division since the events of September 11, 2001. He said that budgeting between the two will be difficult and that it is on hold until he can foresee what will happen to the budget.

He also mentioned that the demand for law enforcement has increased since the event of September 11, 2001. The demand for law enforcement at the airport, which has been required by the FAA, has increased three times the amount that was there before September 11, 2001. He said the President has ordered that the National Guard be placed at all airports. He did not have all of the details about the order and he would be attending a meeting in the afternoon to learn more about it.

Mr. Sakai informed that the Department of Public Safety has proposed to the Governor that a secure treatment facility, capable of holding medium and minimum-security inmates, be built on the Big Island.

He also reported that the Department of Public Safety, key legislators, Department of Health, the Attorney General, and the Judiciary have convened an ad hoc policy level committee to examine mental health issues. The group will look at ways to insure that the mentally ill can receive services in the community. They are also looking at treatment within the correctional facilities and transition back into the community.

Mr. Sakai said that the intensive treatment program at WCCC is operating. There are fifty beds devoted to this program and it is running at full capacity. Also, Project Bridge, a six-month transitional substance abuse treatment program is also operating at full capacity with fifteen beds.

Mr. Sakai also reported that the RFPs for substance abuse services in the community close on 9/28/01 and awards are expected to be made in November and services are due to start in January.

4. **Facility Space Analysis: Presented by Ms. Torney:** Ms. Torney continued with the review of the Effective Capacity: Kauai Community Correctional Center, Waiawa Correctional Facility, and Hawaii Community Correctional Center.

Ms. Torney made the recommendation that the cabins at the Kauai Community Correctional Center should not be included in the Effective Capacity because of life safety code violations (no sprinklers or a second exit).

The cabins were developed as temporary shelter for families after Hurricane Iniki. They were moved to Kauai Community Correctional Center in 1996.

Mr. Yee inquired why the Corrections Population Management Commission should need to consider this and not the Department of Public Safety if there is concern that the cabins do not meet the fire code.

Mr. Yee inquired about the language in the analysis regarding those inmates who display suicidal tendencies or have serious mental conditions. He said that he found it disturbing that they cannot receive the treatment that they need. Ms. Torney replied that if they could not be treated at that facility that they were moved to a facility that could provide the services that they require.

There was also discussion about inmates who are considered to have high-risk pregnancies and concern about not being able to handle these inmates adequately.

Ms. Camara responded that if the statements in the analysis are accurate then the language should not be changed. She said that it is important that the analysis is honest. There was more discussion about this concern.

There was discussion about relocating Kauai correctional facility due to the wetlands. The facility is surrounded by wetlands and there is no room for expansion.

The reviews of Hawaii Community Correctional Center and Waiawa Correctional Facility were also completed.

Mr. Sakai informed that there is a new position at HCCC for psychiatric services.

Ms. Torney mentioned that the annual report draft should be distributed by November 8th and she would need comments regarding the draft submitted to her during the November 15th meeting. It will need to be sent to the printer by the first week of December.

Mr. Sakai also mentioned that the Arizona facility is operating well with the new Warden. They have been successful with keeping the gangs separated.

5. **Agenda for next meeting:** Ms. Torney will provide information for further review of the Effective Capacity.
6. **Closing of the meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 11:22 A.M.

7. **Next Commission Meeting:** Thursday, October 25, 2001 9:30 A.M.– 11:30 A.M.